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WE AGREE WITH EXTENSION OF PRESENT CHAIRMAN TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1974. AS INDICATED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN NOMINATIONS FOR THIS POSITION WERE REQUESTED, WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FILLING THE POSITION. THE U.S. HAS ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION IN THE BUDGETARY AND RELATED FIELDS (INFRASTRUCTURE, AUDITORS, MANAGEMENT), AND THIS IS ONE POSITION WE DO NOT WANT TO NOMINATE FOR. OUR EFFORTS DURING THE NEXT YEAR MUST BE DIRECTED TOWARD (1) RETAINING INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP, (2) INFLUENCING ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGEMENT UNIT AND ITS OPERATION THROUGH APPOINTMENT OF U.S. CANDIDATE TO A KEY POSITION IN THAT
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UNIT, AND (3) RELATED PROBLEM OF REDUCING OUR SHARE IN

ALL NATO BUDGETS WHICH MAKES THIS AN ESPECIALLY INAPPRO-
PRIATE OCCASION TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CHAIRMANSHIP OF
BUDGET COMMITTEES NEVER BEFORE FILLED BY A U.S. CANDIDATE.
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